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REVIEW LETTER

1. BetaVest clearPATH Optimuity Output Report (#46947) Rules: FIN 2210, FIN 2211, FIN 2214 34 Pages Fee: Total Fee:

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Please be advised that the review of this material is based on our understanding, from our January 5, 2018 phone conversation, that the date of first use for this material is February 5, 2018 (rather than the "February 5, 2016" date of first use indicated upon filing, which you confirmed as an error).

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If you have any questions about this filing, please feel free to contact me at (240) 386-4500.

Reviewed by,

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